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| Application No. |) | 10/716,609 |
| Filing Date |) | November 20, 2003 |
| Title |) | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL |
| |) | AMPLIFYING DEVICE GAIN CONTROL |
| |) | WITH GAIN THRESHOLD |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 4, 2007, rejecting Claims 15-31 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 15-31 are pending (Claims 1-14 having been previously withdrawn in response to an election/restriction requirement), Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

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